

Federal and State Prevailing Wage Worker Classifications Typical Weatherization Tasks for ARRA Funded Projects

PLEASE NOTE - Prevailing wage worker classifications are very fact specific. This list cannot and does not purport to cover all potential variations of the listed tasks which one may encounter on a project, but provides basic guidance only. The list is not a substitute for reading and applying the state prevailing wage scopes of work rules available to you at

<http://www.lni.wa.gov/TradesLicensing/PrevWage/WageRates/IsPrevWageJob/default.asp>.

Do not apply and rely on this list without regard to the details of the actual tasks performed.

For wage classification questions please contact the following Washington State Agencies:

Washington **State Prevailing Wage**: Labor & Industries (360) 902-5335 or PWARRA@lni.wa.gov

Federal Prevailing Wage (**Davis Bacon Act**): Department of Commerce (360) 725-2822 or

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Measure/Task	Federal Prevailing Wage Classification*	State Prevailing Wage Classification
Dwelling Assessment	N/A	N/A
Energy Audit	N/A	N/A
Combustion Appliance Safety Test	N/A	N/A
Blower Door Test	N/A	N/A
Duct Leakage Test	N/A	N/A
Contractor Post Weatherization Inspection	N/A	N/A
Weatherization Work		
Attic Ventilation	Weatherization Worker	Roofers, Carpenters ¹
Carbon Monoxide Alarm	Weatherization Worker	Carpenters, Electronic Technicians, Inside Electricians ²
Caulking	Weatherization Worker	Non-duct caulking - Laborers
Ceiling Insulation	Weatherization Worker	Non-mechanical aspects - Insulation Applicators
Compact Fluorescent Lamps – Thread Base	Weatherization Worker	Light bulb replacement only - Laborers
Compact Fluorescent Lamps – Hard Wire	Electrician – General Residential Wage	Light fixture work, anything beyond blub replacement - Inside Electricians
Cooling Repair	HVAC/Furnace/Heating & Cooling Mechanic	A/C Only - Refrigeration Mechanics; Heat Pumps – Refrigeration Mechanics, Sheet Metal Workers, Heating Equipment Mechanics
Cooling Replacement	HVAC/Furnace/Heating & Cooling Mechanic	A/C Only - Refrigeration Mechanics; Heat Pumps – Refrigeration Mechanics, Sheet Metal Workers, Heating Equipment Mechanics
Cover Plate Gaskets	Weatherization Worker	Laborers, Carpenters
Doors, Exterior	Doors & Window Replacement Worker	Carpenters, Glaziers ³

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Doors, Sliding Glass	Doors & Window Replacement Worker	Carpenters, Glaziers ³
Duct Insulation	Weatherization Worker	Mechanical system duct insulation - Heat & Frost Insulators
Duct Repair	Weatherization Worker	Sheet Metal Workers
Duct Replacement	HVAC/Furnace/Heating & Cooling Mechanic	Sheet Metal Workers
Envelope Repair (Minor)	Weatherization Worker	Exterior Walls - Carpenters, Sheet Metal Workers (depending on materials); Roof Repair - Roofers, Ironworkers (depending on materials) ⁴
Exhaust Fan Installation, Repair & Replacement	HVAC/Furnace/Heating & Cooling Mechanic	Inside Electricians
Floor Foundation Venting	Weatherization Worker	Carpenters and/or Sheet Metal Workers, depending on materials
Floor Insulation	Weatherization Worker	Insulation Applicators
Glass Replacement (Windows & Doors)	Doors & Window Replacement Worker	Glaziers
Heating Source Repair	HVAC/Furnace/Heating & Cooling Mechanic	Heating Equipment Mechanics, Sheet Metal Workers, Electricians, depending on type of system
Heating Source Replacement	HVAC/Furnace/Heating & Cooling Mechanic	Heating Equipment Mechanics, Sheet Metal Workers, Electricians, depending on type of system
Hot Water Flow Restrictors & Showerheads	Weatherization Worker	Plumbers/Pipefitters
Kneewall Insulation	Weatherization Worker	Insulation Applicators (non-mechanical)
Refrigerator Replacement	Weatherization Worker	Laborers
Refrigerator Replacement – Grounding Plug	Electrician – General Residential Wage	Inside Electricians
Screens (Window & Door)	Weatherization Worker	Carpenters
Shutters	Weatherization worker	Carpenters
Thermostat	HVAC/Furnace/Heating & Cooling Mechanic	Sheet Metal Workers, Inside Electricians ⁵
Timer, Electric Water Heater	Electrician – General Residential Wage	Inside Electricians, Plumbers/Pipefitters

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Wall Insulation	Weatherization Worker	Insulation Applicators
Water Heater Blanket	Weatherization Worker	Heat & Frost Insulators, Plumbers/Pipefitters (part of water heater installation)
Water Heater Repair	Plumber – General Residential Wage	Plumbers/Pipefitters
Water Heater Replacement	Plumber – General Residential Wage	Plumbers/Pipefitters
Weatherstripping	Weatherization Worker	Carpenters
Window Film (Tinted)	Weatherization Worker	Tinting and Coating Installers ⁶
Window Repair & Replacement	Doors & Window Replacement Worker	Carpenters, Glaziers ³

¹Cutting vents into an existing roof is the work of roofers and carpenters, except for metal roofs; Ironworkers cut into metal roofs; Roofers may remove, but not install or repair metal roofs. If the work involves more than passive ventilation, i.e., an electrical fan, an Inside Electrician may also be required.

²Carpenters may install battery powered detectors only, (not hard-wired); Electronic Technicians and Inside Electricians Install hard-wired systems.

³Glaziers install or remove glass and similar materials in windows, doors, etc., and may install metal window and door frames and perform certain other tasks for door and window installation and repair. They do not install non-metal door and window frames.

⁴Roofers may remove, but not install or repair metal roofs. Ironworkers repair metal roofs, including metal roof decking; Sheet Metal Workers may install metal roof decking, but do not otherwise install/repair metal roofs.

⁵Sheet Metal Workers applies only if the installation is part of furnace installation/replacement.

⁶As of May 24, 2010, no rate is established for the Tinting and Coating Installers scope of work. Until a rate is established, by default, the minimum wage rate applies (\$8.55 as of May 24, 2010). Check the L&I Prevailing Wage web site for up to date rate information at <http://www.lni.wa.gov/TradesLicensing/PrevWage/WageRates/LookUp/default.asp>.

Note:

For state prevailing wage purposes: Residential rates may only be applied to work performed on structures that meet the "residential" definition of WAC 296-127-010(9). "Residential construction" means construction, alteration, repair, improvement, or maintenance of single family dwellings, duplexes, apartments, condominiums, and other residential structures not to exceed four stories in height, including basement, when used solely as permanent residences. It does not include the utilities construction (water and sewer lines), or work on streets, or work on other structures (e.g., for recreation and business.)

For federal prevailing wage (Davis Bacon) purposes: Weatherization activities on structures that are five stories or more in height are subject to the existing federal "building construction" general wage determinations rather than the "residential weatherization worker" wage determinations issued by the U.S. Department of Labor. Greater than 4 story multifamily homes: Use existing Federal Commercial "Building Construction" Rates (see www.wdol.gov)